

Statesmen may cross swords in debate over the Panama tolls question but the great ditch itself is rapidly approaching completion. The disorders of debate have nothing in common with the patience, skill, faithfulness, and other qualities shown by the men who are making realities of the dreams of bygone centuries, and the fateful attempt of De Lesseps. When completed, the great canal will stand as one of the greatest wonders of the world and a crowning triumph of American enterprise and ability.

Recent purchasers reported by

Lowry & Henry of Studebaker autos are Wm. Rice and John Scott.

Northport experienced a nice rain Monday.

The Sunday school convention of district three was held in Angora on Sunday. Three Sunday schools were represented. Those present of the Northport Sunday school were Mr. and Mrs. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tolle, Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. P. C. G. Laing, Misses Olga and Ella Gebauer.

Mrs. C. Smith of this place has been on the sick list for several days.

BROOME MAKES A STATEMENT

Candidate for Nomination as State Representative on Democratic Ticket Makes Statement

F. M. Broome, of Alliance, who has filed for nomination for state representative on the Democratic ticket, has issued the following statement for publication:



F. M. Broome

In standing as a candidate for representative to the legislature it is not my purpose to seek popular favor under any misrepresentation. It is no longer possible for any candidate to run the gauntlet of public opinion by dodging direct issues under pretense of serving the peoples' best interests as set forth in party platforms. Every man and woman is of the army that constitutes the people and interests being widely divergent the main question in which all are interested is what particular interests those aspiring to legislative honors not only stand for but are willing and straightforward enough to openly proclaim that voters may intelligently make their choice.

Every person born to the world after attaining the age of understanding, reason and education should live from the fruits of his own toil and effort rather than from inherited wealth and laws should be so framed and executed as to give equal and unlimited opportunities that every man of industrious habits and mental ability may enjoy the benefits of civilization from the standard of comfortable and decent living.

Such conditions cannot obtain to its fullest extent when a small percent of the population live only for the ambition to gratify personal vanity of leaving behind after they are planted, vast accumulations of wealth handed them by those whose toil contributed to its production and are by the laws of God, if not by man, more justly entitled to share in its distribution than are heirs having contributed nothing toward its making.

Every man should make provision for the care and support of those dependant upon him after his death and especially for the rearing and education of his children. Insurance companies provide for this contingency and every consideration possible should be given measures affecting such companies under safeguards providing for an honest conduct of their business and sufficient guaranty that all policies shall be promptly paid upon proof of the death of the holder. Other than this, the bulk of money necessary for the proper conduct of state government should be derived from estates of deceased citizens and collected thru the probate courts. Should such a system be deemed unconstitutional, an amendment to the constitution providing for such a system should be submitted to the people for a decision.

Higher wages for labor would be assured when legislative attention is directed more to estates of the dead than it is to incomes from the living.

Every poor person is struggling to stand as well, possess as much and spend as much in the world as those having accumulated it and there is no just reason why such should not be the case. Nearly all men possessing wealth and high position in the various fields of industry and business, only a few years back were clerks, laborers or bar keepers themselves and why are they any better than those now in the same positions struggling for the same ends? They are not and if they are unwilling to voluntarily divide surplus earnings with their employees, there is no just reason for complaining when such legislative action is taken contributing to that purpose and any member supporting such measures is performing a patriotic duty.

For some years men of the railway train service have been asking of the legislature certain reforms in the service and have always been turned down. While it may not be

possible for a member from a small district in the western part of the state to overturn preconceived plans of those from the more powerful districts, yet it is possible by giving publicity to methods of those operating against the boys to turn public sentiment in their favor and that is what this writer would do.

In laying a foundation for a radical increase in wages for those employed in industrial pursuits, it is my purpose to start an agitation that in time may ripen to a realization, whereby all laborers in towns and cities with no means and a desire to secure homes of their own upon unoccupied lands may be furnished homes, land and equipment by the state under intelligent direction and scientific instructions in methods of production with the privileges of repaying the state from the earnings of their toil and by reason of such exodus from the cities to the country, the demand for labor to take their places in the cities would no more than equal the supply, resulting in such increase in wages that men will not have to live by charity nor women by prostitution while at the same time money thus expended by the state will be an asset rather than a liability.

Laws as at present governing the liquor traffic in Nebraska are the best that have been devised and there is no reason for a change in any respect.

There is no just reason why women should not share equally in all things with men and there is no reason why the law should not grant them every right of franchise enjoyed by man.

All state institutions should be kept up to the highest possible standard and for that purpose there should be no quibbling over liberal appropriations.

For the benefit of the farming and stock raising sections, demonstration farms should be established in all counties showing the proper interest toward securing them and liberal appropriations for that purpose should be made.

Resolutions protesting against continued investigations by the federal government of industrial enterprises should be adopted. The past is gone and no good can result from intimidation of capitalists from investing their money in public enterprises. Regulations for the future conduct of all corporation business could be promulgated with assurance of the past being forgotten and any deviation from such regulations that may be prescribed will be punished by criminal prosecution of individuals charged with the conduct of the business.

So far as party measures do not conflict with statements above made it is my purpose to work in harmony with the democratic party with which my affiliations have always been but for the sake of party regularity I would not sacrifice any effort toward carrying into effect any of the ideas expressed, should there be a possibility for success by working with others supporting similar measures.

The British government has defined a gentleman as one who earns \$800 a year without manual labor. If a man earns even \$2,000 with his hands he may be a very good fellow with all the mental qualities imaginable, but he is not a "gentleman." But even the government definition does not satisfy the English mind. Some think the financial condition is put altogether too low, while others think that any financial limit is uncalled for. But, anyway, what constitutes a gentleman is a puzzle to many. Most people will say that character is necessary, but evidently others do not, for some time ago a notorious hotel in Milwaukee displayed a sign that "only gentlemen are admitted." One can imagine what sort of a gentleman it must be that would wish to enter such a place. The truth is the word "gentleman" is overdone, just as is the word "lady." If one is a true woman or a true man the one is a lady and the other is a gentleman and without that necessary qualification not all the artificial distinctions in Christendom can make of the one a lady, or of the other a gentleman.

While, immediately considered, the acute stage of the troubles in northern Michigan and in Colorado has passed, he is much mistaken who thinks the difficulty is over. There is much discontent to be reckoned with and removed before matters calm down. Not only that, but the conditions in those places reflect the attitude which pretty nearly all over the land capital and labor display towards each other. While one may reasonably hope that the characteristic American common sense will ultimately find the way out, there is no question but what the industrial condition has grave elements of danger.



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